

THE RED CROSS

HOME SERVICE NEWS

(Lake Division News)
Home Service sections should urge all claimants to have a certified copy of their discharge papers before submitting the original copy to Washington.
Some of the claims already turned in bear an incorrect address or no address at all. The address should be placed in pencil on the upper left hand corner of the discharge to insure against loss in case the discharge is separated from the application.
Sixty dollar bonus checks are already being mailed from Washington at a daily rate of 10,000. This rate will be increased until 30,000 a day are being turned out.

Fake Telegrams

By widespread publicity, the War Department hopes to stop the sending of fake telegrams to relatives of soldiers and sailors requesting money for transportation home.
This fraud has been practiced all over the country—including the Lake

Division.

When a man is discharged he is paid off, given his bonus and an ample allowance for traveling expenses home so no additional funds are needed. Telegrams asking that money be sent in care of General Delivery should consequently be thoroughly investigated before the money is sent.
With the assistance of the post office authorities and the department of justice, the war department hopes to put an end to this fraud, just as a scheme of telegraphing for money to finance a furlough home from camp was broken up in 1918.

Western Reserve University Teaches Public Health Nursing

In preparation for the extensive public health work which the Red Cross peace program is launching, a half year course in public health work at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, is to be advanced, to begin April 18, instead of at the beginning of the semester.

This 18 weeks' course, given at the suggestion of National Headquarters, makes it possible for the Red Cross chapters to prepare local representatives for work in their own communities.

Chapters are urged to take advantage of the permission granted by Na-

tional Headquarters to establish a scholarship fund for the education of a public health nurse, to be developed under definite rulings of the Lake Division Department of Nursing.

Miss Cecilia Evans will conduct the course for public health nursing at Western Reserve University, under the direction of James H. Cutler, dean of the School of Applied Science. Detailed information about this course may be had from Miss Cecilia Evans, 2739 Orange avenue, S. E., Cleveland, O.

German Prisoners Restoring Rheims

Rheims, France, March 1 (Special A. R. C. Correspondence)—One of the little ironies of life from a German point of view in this turbulent year of 1919 must be the present situation at Rheims. For four years hundreds of German guns fired millions of German shells into Rheims, completely wrecking its fifteen thousand buildings and the famous cathedral.

Today fifteen thousand Germans, captured by the French while this destruction was going on, are now at work cleaning up the wreckage that their own created, and it is expected that many of these prisoners will be on the same job by spring.

Despite the fact that snow now covers the ruins of Rheims the work of clearing away the debris is going on. At the signing of the armistice a visitor to the martyred city could walk for blocks and not meet another soul. Today he could meet scores of people and tomorrow hundreds. For the Rheimsians, like all other French provincial people, love their homes above everything else, and they are returning to them despite the fact that proper shelter and food are hard to obtain.

On almost every street, squads of German prisoners can be seen laboring in the ruins. They are well fed looking individuals, having full, round faces among the thousands in Rheims there is not one who can compare in emaciated and unhealthy appearance with the hundreds of British and other Allied prisoners.

A small detail of some thirty or forty Boches worked for the Red Cross in Rheims for several weeks. The American organization has furnished and equipped a dining hall and dormitories in a ruined school for feeding and sheltering returning refugees. The German prisoners repaired the roof that their artillery had filled with shrapnel holes, rebuilt two chimneys that had been knocked down and replaced broken balcony railing and staircases.

Upon completion of the kitchen chimneys, they placed the American flag on top and then summoned the Red Cross worker, exclaiming: "It is the flag of the world." The next day the Red Cross man asked the German non-commissioned officer, who had planned this little compliment to the Americans, to move a stepladder. The German refused to work, explaining that German officers don't do manual labor.

This attitude will have plenty of

time to wear off in Rheims, if the prisoners are made to stay until Rheims again becomes a city fit for human habitation.

OBITUARY

Fannie J. Hunt was born in Hinckley, Ohio on May 26, 1847 and departed this life on March 24, 1919, being at the time of her departure 71 years, 9 months, and 28 days of age. On the second day of August 1869, she was united in marriage with Walter W. Smith of Medina, Ohio. Nine children were given to this marital union, five of whom survive their mother to mourn her loss. They are: Mrs. W. W. West, Paul W. and Ray N. of Berea, Ohio, Mrs. G. L. Padlock of Pasadena, California, and Carl W. Smith of Alhambra, California. Others who sustain a great loss in the passing of Mrs. Smith are seven grand children, four sisters, one brother, and many loving friends.

Mrs. Smith attended Baldwin University in her young womanhood. She began teaching in the public schools at the early age of fifteen. She was principal of the Medina high school one year. She graduated from the Chautauqua Literary Course. She was a member of the Berea Literary Society, the Berea W. C. T. U. and of the Berea Methodist Episcopal church.

The deceased was in many ways a very remarkable woman. She had a fine intellect and warm and tender affection. She was a lover of the beautiful in nature, in art, and in life. Much of her time was given in the cultivation of the beautiful. She loved and lived with her flowers. She remembered to the last the entrancing splendor of our western mountains which she saw the year before her illness. She was a faithful wife, who gave council and inspiration to her husband in his work as minister and lecturer. She was a loving, self-forgetful mother, who in countless ways gave herself to her children. She was a devoted Christian, who received her inspiration and life from God, a woman who everywhere and all time gave herself to the highest.

OBITUARY

John Kerr, former resident of Wadsworth vicinity, died at his home in Lorain Sunday after a four weeks' illness. Mr. Kerr was born in Newburg and at the time of his death was aged 69 years, 7 months and 27 days. He was married Aug. 5, 1878, to Olive Morrison, who preceded him in death ten years ago the 10th of March. They were the parents of three children, John and Orpheus Kerr and Mrs. John Flickinger, all of Wadsworth. On July 17, 1913, Mr. Kerr was married to Minnie Nesbitt of Cleveland. For several years they lived in Vermilion and a year ago moved to Lorain where his death occurred. The remains were brought to Wadsworth and on Tuesday afternoon funeral services were held from the home of his daughter, conducted by Rev. B. L. Westenbarger. The remains were placed in the vault and will later be buried at River Styx.

CROXTON WILL DIRECT SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$1,000,000 IN OHIO

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Ohio has an enthusiastic supporter in Mr. Croxton. "My experience in Sunday School work has taught me that a firm financial foundation is absolutely essential to real progress," says Mr. Croxton. "There is work to be done all over the world, in France, Russia, Japan, China—everywhere opportunities for a great and lasting work in Christianity lie before us. For this wonderful work a great amount of money is needed, and it is up to us in Ohio to furnish our part of it."

Denominationally Mr. Croxton is a Methodist. He is superintendent of the King Avenue Methodist Sunday School, one of the largest and most successful schools in Columbus.

DEMOCRACY REQUIRES THAT THE CHURCH AND STATE BE SEPARATE

—W. C. PEARCE.

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W. C. PEARCE, measure that Field Superintendent the citizenship International S. S. of the world association. cepts the ideals, expressed in the life and teachings of Jesus.

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FRED C. CROXTON.

world-wide reconstruction, Mr. Croxton has been glad to accept the new responsibility.

Mr. Croxton is the champion "thank you" job holder of Ohio. From the outbreak of the war he has been federal food administrator of Ohio until recently. In addition to the strenuous duties attached to this position, he acted as corresponding secretary of the Ohio Sunday School Association, he has served as chairman of the council of national defense, federal director for Ohio of the United States employment service, state director of the United States public service reserve, special representative of the industrial disputes committee on working conditions, and director of the social service department of the Ohio Institute for Public Efficiency.

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